

# Are You Sure?

Scripture: **1 John 5:13–15**

Series: **Doctrine & Devotion: A Study in the First Epistle of John**

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## Overview

God assures us of our salvation. The certainty of salvation gives the believer freedom and confidence.

## Corraborating Texts

I John 3:1; 4:10; 4:13

## Discussion Questions

1. Review the main themes and flow of I John. How do we get to 5:13?
2. What is salvation? [rescue and redemption] What is it that we need saving from? What is the purpose of our salvation? What are some things that we think we need saving from but don't really?
3. How can we be certain of our salvation? What assures us?
  - God's love (3:1)
  - The Son's death and resurrection (4:10)
  - The Spirit who lives in us (4:13)
4. So it is God that gives us assurance, but how to we actually get it, receive it or obtain it? What does this actually look like in the life of a believer?
  - We receive it by the various means of grace: worship, prayer, scripture, sacraments, meditation, practicing repentance, walking in God's ways and community.
5. Do you attend community group expecting to experience God's grace and therefore be assured of your salvation? Would our community groups look different if we did expect that?
6. Regarding confidence, why does it inspire confidence in us to know that God hears us? Why is confidence important? [see 2:28]
7. Regarding freedom, what type of freedom is described in the text (5:15)? What are we freed from? What are we freed *for*?